

Christmas Message and Two Quotations for the Season

This is our Christmas editorial, written a little in advance so that I can take Christmas dinner with my father, W. O. Washburn, in Sarasota, Fla. For if plans don't miscarry, as I view them at my desk Sunday night, by the time this gets into print Monday afternoon a couple of local boys, Charles (Bkippy) Bryan and Rex Easter, and your editor should be approaching Mobile, Ala., in that highway race known as "going somewhere for Christmas."

They say that our 20th Century America has "commercialized" Christmas. But that may be no more than the surface reflection from reading so many printed advertisements and hearing so many radio announcements as business cashes in on the richest selling season of the year. American is the No. 1 land of salesmanship. But all the ballyhoo of commercial activities can't possibly obscure the fact that America remembers charity at Christmas-time with the most generous hand in the whole world.

Granted that most of the Christmas buying and the Christmas gifts are for personal or family reasons, but never at any Christmas time has any American community forgotten its Christian obligation to those among its own citizens who, like some foreign countries, find themselves dollar-less.

It's worth noting that the Hope Lions club raised \$1,400 for public Christmas gifts, and the Prescott club of the same organization produced about \$1,100 — not to mention the gift work of all the churches, and the year-end donations of business to many charitable or medical works.

For a Christmas text you might like the best-known one in the Bible, by Luke:

"A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. . . . and a Samaritan . . . had compassion on him, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. . . . Then said Jesus . . . Go, and do thou likewise."

But in closing I would like to bring you to a lesser-known quotation which also fits the Christmas reason—from the incisive pen of one who had a special advantage in observing Modern Times because he lived in them . . . Robert Louis Stevenson:

"There is an idea abroad among moral people that they should make their neighbors good. One person I have to make good — myself."

"But my duty to my neighbor is much more nearly expressed by saying that I have to make him happy — if I may."

"To be honest, to be kind — to turn a little and to spend a little less to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not be embittered, to keep a few friends but these without capitulation —"

"Here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy."

510 Americans Scheduled to Die Christmas

CHICAGO, (UP) — The Christmas holiday weekend traffic this year may kill 510 Americans.

The figure was estimated by the National Safety Council today. The estimate covers the period from 6 p. m. local time Thursday to midnight Sunday.

But, says Ned H. Dearborn, as many as 100 of the potential victims might be spared to enjoy life in the new year if motorists take the spirit of Christmas with them when they drive.

"The probable traffic death toll can be cut to 400 or less if everyone will say 'Merry Christmas' with his driving," Dearborn said.

He suggested four precautions:

1. Don't drive if the weather is bad.
2. Start early. Take it easy and allow extra time.
3. Always give the other fellow a break.
4. Don't drink if you drive, and watch out for others who may not be as wise.

Churchill's Hand Healing Normally

LONDON, (UP) — Prime Minister Churchill's burned left hand is healing normally and the 79-year-old statesman is "very well," a government spokesman said today.

Churchill's hand was burned by a bomb which exploded Friday.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS VIA "A" MAIL—Marine Pfc. Loy W. Conley agrees with his Korean farmer friend that the centuries-old "A" frame makes a dandy carrying device. Although the Christmas mail is arriving by the plane load in Korea, Conley finds that the most practical way to carry it to men of the 1st Marine Division is with the aid of the ancient Korean contraption. — NEA Telephoto



CHRISTMAS DREAMS COME TRUE — Bonnie McCabe, five, has her dearest Christmas wish realized as she gets to embrace her crippled mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Albert McCabe, at the Dallas, Tex., airport. Bonnie, who has been living with her grandmother in Pittsburgh, Pa., because of the family's financial problems, was brought to Dallas with funds raised by friends of the McCabe, when it was learned that the mother, crippled since infancy, may not live to see another Christmas because of a bone disease. Bonnie's one wish for a Christmas present was for a chance to hug her parents once again. — NEA Telephoto

Believes None of Balty PWs Will Return

By ROBERT VERMILLION

TOKYO, (UP) — Gen. John E. Hull, Allied Supreme commander in the Far East, said today he did not believe the 22 unrepatriated American war prisoners wanted to return to Democracy.

Hull said on his arrival in Seoul that the Americans had "plenty of time" at least 87 days in neutral custody. "He think it over."

"If they wanted to return there would have been no difficulties," Hull said.

Hull went to Seoul to "make a plan" for the care of 22,000 anti-Communist North Koreans and Chinese who will become civilians on Jan. 22, 1954, under Korean armistice agreements.

"The anti-Communist Korea POWs will be sent to their homes after explanation time has ended and anti-Communist Chinese prisoners will be sent to Formosa," Hull said.

He said he discussed the release of the prisoners with South Korean President Syngman Rhee and would confer Tuesday with Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya, Indian custodian of all unrepatriated war prisoners.

There were two schools of thought in variance with Hull's opinion on the attitude of American prisoners.

Mrs. Dora Gentry, of Emmet, Dies Late Sunday

Mrs. Dora Gentry, Emmet, wife of the late George Gentry, died Sunday in a Prescott Hospital.

She is survived by a daughter, Miss Elsie Gentry of Emmet, two sons, Guy W. of Oklahoma City and Richard O'Neal Gentry of Little Rock.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. John Rushing at Emmet Methodist Church at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday. Burial will be at Antoine Cemetery in Pike County.

The Great Lakes could be seen from the moon with the naked eye. There are two Christmas Islands, one in the Central about 1,200 miles south of Hawaii and the other in the Indian Ocean about 190 miles south of Java.

Rules State Has No Claim on Spirit Lake

By LEON HATCH

LITTLE ROCK, (UP) — The Arkansas Supreme Court today held that the state has no authority over oil and gas lands in the bed of Spirit Lake since the lake is not navigable.

By law, Arkansas is the owner of the beds of all navigable bodies of water in the state and has authority to issue all and gas leases on other mineral rights of which it collects royalties.

In 1950, former Revenue Commissioner Carl F. Parker is sued oil and gas leases for the land in Spirit Lake in Lafayette County.

Owners of adjoining property filed suit contending the lake was not navigable and that the state therefore was not the owner.

The protestants' contention was upheld by the Lafayette County Chancery Court. The Supreme Court affirmed the lower court's ruling.

Spirit Lake, formerly known as Cutoff Lake, once was part of the Red River, but was separated from that stream by a change in channel in the early 1930's.

The Supreme Court commented that just because it once was navigable did not mean that the lake necessarily continued to be navigable.

In another case involving the right of oil-producing land, the Supreme Court held that the Rock Island lines own only an easement to a disputed 100-foot strip in Union County.

The railroad contended that the land was decided to it outright in 1895.

Union Chancery Court, in deciding a suit brought by Sue Olson and others, ruled that the road received only right-of-way to the strip which now contains three producing oil wells.

The Chancery Court finding was affirmed by the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court upheld the Workmen's Compensation Commission and Columbia Circuit Court in ruling that Aladdin Wyrick was entitled to payment from M. E. Peace Lumber Co. for death of her husband, Steve Wyrick.

The court ruled that Wyrick's death in 1951 resulted from heat prostration suffered while he was at work.

A suit involving ownership of

Ike's Sound Program Not So to Demos

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, (UP) — Several Democratic senators said today that Eisenhower calls his aggressive program will have to convince Democrats in Congress of its merits if it is to get their support.

While the Democratic comment included predictions that his proposals would not automatically be opposed on party lines, there were complaints about the exclusively Republican invitation list to last week's White House conferences on the legislative program.

Some Democrats criticized what they said was secrecy maintained about the outcome of the conferences. The President announced the scope of the discussions, but apparently is reserving most details for his nationwide broadcast Jan. 4 and State of the Union message to Congress Jan. 7.

He has said he plans to work on those late this week.

Some of his advisers have suggested a stripped-down program, limited to a few vital issues.

Whether or not this course is followed, Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) predicted Eisenhower may encounter more trouble within his own party than from Democrats on some proposals.

Humphrey said in an interview he thought there would be more division among Republicans than among Democrats on foreign policy, state-federal relationships and foreign trade.

High Court Rulings

LITTLE ROCK, (UP) — The Arkansas Supreme Court today held down these decisions:

Marshall Brown vs. Austin Brown, appeal from Lafayette County Probate Court, affirmed.

E. L. Stewart vs. Louis Thomas, Sine Circuit Court, affirmed.

M. E. Peace Lumber Co. vs. Aladdin Wyrick, Columbia Circuit Court, affirmed.

Rock Island Lines vs. Sue Olson, Union Chancery Court, affirmed.

G. G. Temple vs. J. D. Smith, Bradley Chancery Court, affirmed.

Enigma B. Ferrell vs. E. M. Collins, St. Francis Circuit Court, reversed and remanded.

Cleveland Young vs. Ada E. Young, Garland Chancery Court, affirmed.

C. C. Burns vs. Local Trade-Marks Inc., Union Circuit Court, affirmed.

Walters-Southland Institute vs. D. G. Walker, Phillips Chancery Court, affirmed.

W. W. Stacy vs. Charles H. E. Walker, Clay Chancery Court, reversed.

Ann Helen Hancock vs. Benjamin Haynes Hancock, Pulaski Chancery Court, reversed and remanded with directions.

H. E. Skelton vs. S. W. Ferguson, Washington Chancery Court, reversed.

Carl F. Parker, as revenue commissioner, vs. Olivia Smith Moore, Lafayette Chancery Court, affirmed.

Cold Weather

LITTLE ROCK, (UP) — Colder weather with scattered rain and snow flurries is forecast for Arkansas when winter officially begins tonight.

The U. S. Weather Bureau here said that the mercury will dip to a low of 25 degrees in the northern sections and to 32 in other areas of Arkansas tonight.

Scattered showers were forecast for all of the state, with the rain turning to snow in the north. Winner begins officially at 9:50 tonight.

Detroit Combed in Search for Five Fugitives

DETROIT, (UP) — An army of city and state police combed Detroit today for five fugitives from South-east Michigan Prison believed to be hiding out somewhere in the city's vast residential areas.

The five — described as among the most dangerous men ever sent to the prison — broke out of the huge penitentiary Saturday night but cut their way to freedom through a steel grate of an underground sewage tunnel.

The prison, world's largest walled penitentiary, is at Jackson 60 miles west of here.

Eight other inmates who participated in the break were recaptured. Two women hostages were freed unharmed after being held 11½ hours by one fleeing group of "gentlemanly" convicts.

Police were particularly anxious to recapture one of the five, its name Usiondek, 37, described as a psychopath who may have sought freedom for revenge.

Authorities assigned guards to witnesses who testified at the trial which sent Usiondek of prison for life for a 1943 Detroit barroom slaying.

Circuit Court Commissioner A. Tom Pasieczny, special prosecutor at Usiondek's trial, was removed from the city for his safety.

The other fugitives are Edward J. Emrick, 43, convicted of murder in Detroit; David B. Boushka, 28, serving 5 to 10 years for kidnapping in Crawford County and 3 to 6 years for a previous escape; Virgil Lane, 27, serving 10 to 20 years for armed robbery in Detroit; and Robert Dowling, 33, serving 1 to 15 years for breaking and entering in Detroit.

Official investigations sought to fix the blame for the big break. Prison Warden William H. Bannan charged "negligence on some body's part." He said in a formal statement "It is our duty to place the blame and let it fall where it should."

The convicts stole an acetylene torch to burn through sewer bars. Warden Bannan said other inmates declared the torch and an oxygen supply used by a construction company at the prison was easily accessible.

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Russia Agrees to Join in Talks With U.S. on Peaceful Atom Program

Laniel Needs 22 Votes to Be President

VERSAILLES, France (UP) — The French Parliament failed again today to elect a President of the Republic. It was the ninth ballot taken since last Thursday.

Premier Joseph Laniel, a wealthy industrialist and the top contender, got 411 votes a drop of 17 votes from the eighth ballot.

His Socialist opponent, Marcel-Edmond Naegelen, who has Communist support, got 365 — a drop of 16 votes. Pierre Mendel, who emerged as a last minute candidate, received 103 votes, Montel, 57, is a member of Laniel's independent party from Lyon.

Laniel was only 22 votes short of victory on the eighth ballot in the Peoples' Assembly Hall of the Old Palace of French kings, where the National Assembly deputies and senators have been trying to name a new president.

By PRESTON GROVER

VERSAILLES, France (UP) — Rich conservative Premier Joseph Laniel vent into the ninth round of France's presidential voting today 22 votes short of victory.

On the eighth ballot last night here in the Peoples' Assembly Hall of the old palace of French kings, Laniel drew 430 votes from the National Assembly deputies and senators. A total of 452, a majority of the ballots cast, is needed to elect.

Socialist Marcel-Edmond Naegelen, also backed by the Communists, still was Laniel's closest competition with 381 votes on the eighth ballot. The other 22 were scattered among various candidates.

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J. W. Newsom, 89, Ex-Spring Hill Resident, Dies

J. W. Newsom, aged 89, a resident of Winters, Texas who died at his home Saturday, will be buried at Huckabee Cemetery at 3 p. m. Monday. The body will arrive here at 1:30 p. m. Graveside services will be conducted by the Rev. Robert O'Brien with Herndon-Cornelius in charge.

Mr. Newsom was a former resident of Spring Hill. His survivors include one brother, Alvin Newsom and a sister, Mrs. Jess Drake, both of Winters, and a niece, Mrs. J. P. Meredith of Texarkana. He was a Baptist and a charter member of Melrose Church near Spring Hill.

Blizzard Slows Rescue Efforts

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (UP) — A rescue team leader said today ground parties sighted the wreckage of the United States Navy Neptune bomber that crashed Thursday on a blizzard-swept glacier but saw no signs of survivors.

The plane carried a nine-man crew. Jon Johnson, leader of one of three teams crawling across the treacherous upper slopes of grim Myrdalsjokull Glacier, said his group was forced back before reaching the wreckage.

But he said his team could see the broken plane clearly from the spot where the men were stopped by a huge crevice, icebergs and vicious weather.

Johnson said not only was there no sign of survivors but survival equipment dropped to the Neptune in the past four days lay untouched within 100 yards of the wreck.

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, (UP) — Three lonely bands of searchers dove forward against a blizzard today in a desperate effort to find nine American fliers missing on an isolated glacier peak.

Their goal was the wreckage of a Navy P2V plane which crashed atop 6,400-foot Myrdalsjokull Glacier Thursday — a snowdrifted tangle of metal shattering chilled survivors, frozen bodies, or both.

There was no way to tell if there were survivors, for snow and fog shrouded the summit from aerial observation and there was no communication here with the searching parties.

Hope faltered yesterday when a plane sighted the wreckage and ironically reported: "No sign of life."

Survivors were reported sighted the day after the crash. But this fierce weather and the "no life" report caused rescue leaders to fear the worst.

Helicopters and parachutes were useless in the fog and wind yesterday, although forecasts called for less wind and better weather today.

The search was becoming an epic as groundbound U. S. Air Force rescuers battled the cold, knowing that the downed fliers had little chance of survival after 90 hours on the glacier.

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Very Friendly Soviet Note Praises Ike

MOSCOW, (UP) — The Soviet government agreed today to join in negotiations with the United States on President Eisenhower's proposal for peaceful, world-wide development of atomic energy.

An official statement went to the unusual lengths of referring Mr. Eisenhower as one of the "outstanding military leaders in the last world war." It was one of the friendliest Soviet references in many months.

However, at the same time, Russia proposed that in any negotiations the participants consider taking upon themselves "the solemn and unconditional obligation not to employ atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass annihilation."

Success in negotiations, Russia said, "could be an important step on the road to the full exclusion from the armaments of states of the atomic, hydrogen and other types of weapons of mass annihilation, with the establishment of strict international control insuring the fulfillment of the agreement to prohibit the use of atomic energy for military purposes."

Russia's reply to the historic proposal which Mr. Eisenhower made before the United Nations assembly Dec. 8 was in the form of a statement addressed to "the United States. It was not a formal note."

Before the President made his speech United States Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen had visited Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov to impress on him that the United States regarded it as of great importance. Later a full text of the speech was delivered to Molotov.

Russia's reply was handed to Bohlen by Molotov at 6 p. m. (10 a. m. EST) at the foreign office. An hour later the text of the statement was handed to a group of about 25 Soviet and foreign correspondents by foreign office Press Chief Evdora Ilyicheva.

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All Around the Town

By The Star Staff

Kelly Bryant suffered a broken knee cap Sunday when a saddle on a horse slipped and he fell to the ground. . . he was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital at Little Rock. . . although not critical a broken knee cap is very painful and can prove troublesome unless properly cared for. . . and T. B. Fenwick Sr. was hit by an auto near the Depot corner Saturday about 4 p. m. while walking across the street. . . he was only slightly injured. . . the driver of the vehicle failed to stop to lend aid.

Beth Bridges, daughter of Br. and Mrs. C. W. Bridges and Anita Copeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Copeland of Hope, will be part of a chorus presenting a program of Christmas Music over Station KTHS at Little Rock December 27. . . they are members of the Hendrix College choir. . . Beth is a sophomore and Anita is a Senior.

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MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks were actively higher today in a stock market that displayed improvement in most areas.

The best gains came to between 1 and 2 points, but they were rare. The usual advance in decline was a small fraction.

Aside from the better offerings and the sagging steels, there was little pronounced group movement in the market.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK (AP) — Cotton futures were steady in dull trading today. The market displayed initial ease, but on hedging and liquidation, but soon steadied on mild and New Orleans buying.

Late afternoon prices were 5 to 25 cents a bale higher than the previous close. March 52.04, May 52.18 and July 52.05.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE

CHICAGO (AP) — Butter steady; receipts 907,823; whole milk buying prices unchanged; 82 score A-1, 50.25; 82 A, 48.25; 82 B, 46.25; 82 C, 44.25; 82 D, 42.25; 82 E, 40.25; 82 F, 38.25; 82 G, 36.25; 82 H, 34.25; 82 I, 32.25; 82 J, 30.25; 82 K, 28.25; 82 L, 26.25; 82 M, 24.25; 82 N, 22.25; 82 O, 20.25; 82 P, 18.25; 82 Q, 16.25; 82 R, 14.25; 82 S, 12.25; 82 T, 10.25; 82 U, 8.25; 82 V, 6.25; 82 W, 4.25; 82 X, 2.25; 82 Y, 0.25; 82 Z, 0.25.

Live poultry steady to firm; prices barely steady on you're steady; receipts 400,000; job buying prices unchanged to 1/2 higher; heavy hens 21.5-22; light hens 19-20; fryers, or broilers 24-25; old roosters 17-19; ducklings none.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

CHICAGO (AP) — The grain market was flat and lower today on the Board of Trade.

There was little feature in the market. Corn and soybeans moved early but lost their gains later. Wheat, oats, and rye were a 10c lower from the start.

Wheat closed 1/2 lower to 1 1/2 higher, the December contract making the gain in the final minute to finish at \$2.01 1/2-\$2.02 1/2.

Corn finished 1/2-2 1/2 lower, December \$1.40 1/2, with 1/2-3/4 lower, December 73 1/2-74, and 1/2-3/4 lower, December 1 1/2-1 3/4, and soybeans unchanged to 1 cent higher, January \$2.00-2.01.

Cash wheat: No. 1 white 1.50-1.51; No. 2 1.48-1.49; No. 3 1.46-1.47; No. 4 1.44-1.45; No. 5 1.42-1.43; No. 6 1.40-1.41; No. 7 1.38-1.39; No. 8 1.36-1.37; No. 9 1.34-1.35; No. 10 1.32-1.33; No. 11 1.30-1.31; No. 12 1.28-1.29; No. 13 1.26-1.27; No. 14 1.24-1.25; No. 15 1.22-1.23; No. 16 1.20-1.21; No. 17 1.18-1.19; No. 18 1.16-1.17; No. 19 1.14-1.15; No. 20 1.12-1.13; No. 21 1.10-1.11; No. 22 1.08-1.09; No. 23 1.06-1.07; No. 24 1.04-1.05; No. 25 1.02-1.03; No. 26 1.00-1.01; No. 27 0.98-0.99; No. 28 0.96-0.97; No. 29 0.94-0.95; No. 30 0.92-0.93; No. 31 0.90-0.91; No. 32 0.88-0.89; No. 33 0.86-0.87; No. 34 0.84-0.85; No. 35 0.82-0.83; No. 36 0.80-0.81; No. 37 0.78-0.79; No. 38 0.76-0.77; No. 39 0.74-0.75; No. 40 0.72-0.73; No. 41 0.70-0.71; No. 42 0.68-0.69; No. 43 0.66-0.67; No. 44 0.64-0.65; No. 45 0.62-0.63; No. 46 0.60-0.61; No. 47 0.58-0.59; No. 48 0.56-0.57; No. 49 0.54-0.55; No. 50 0.52-0.53; No. 51 0.50-0.51; No. 52 0.48-0.49; No. 53 0.46-0.47; No. 54 0.44-0.45; No. 55 0.42-0.43; No. 56 0.40-0.41; No. 57 0.38-0.39; No. 58 0.36-0.37; No. 59 0.34-0.35; No. 60 0.32-0.33; No. 61 0.30-0.31; No. 62 0.28-0.29; No. 63 0.26-0.27; No. 64 0.24-0.25; No. 65 0.22-0.23; No. 66 0.20-0.21; No. 67 0.18-0.19; No. 68 0.16-0.17; No. 69 0.14-0.15; No. 70 0.12-0.13; No. 71 0.10-0.11; No. 72 0.08-0.09; No. 73 0.06-0.07; No. 74 0.04-0.05; No. 75 0.02-0.03; No. 76 0.00-0.01; No. 77 0.00-0.01; No. 78 0.00-0.01; No. 79 0.00-0.01; No. 80 0.00-0.01; No. 81 0.00-0.01; No. 82 0.00-0.01; No. 83 0.00-0.01; No. 84 0.00-0.01; No. 85 0.00-0.01; No. 86 0.00-0.01; No. 87 0.00-0.01; No. 88 0.00-0.01; No. 89 0.00-0.01; No. 90 0.00-0.01; No. 91 0.00-0.01; No. 92 0.00-0.01; No. 93 0.00-0.01; No. 94 0.00-0.01; No. 95 0.00-0.01; No. 96 0.00-0.01; No. 97 0.00-0.01; No. 98 0.00-0.01; No. 99 0.00-0.01; No. 100 0.00-0.01.

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

NATIONAL STOCKYARDS, 10:00 a.m. — Hogs 11,000; all weights fully steady with Friday; active to all; but there was no showing of buying interest; 180-220 lb 25.10-25.15.

Umbrella of Rain Clouds Cover U. S.

By UNITED PRESS

A giant umbrella of clouds covered almost the entire country today as the sun's annual journey southward drew to an end.

The sun will reach its southernmost position — the winter solstice — at 10:32 p. m. EST today and start north again, signalling the official debut of winter.

As the new season approached, three distinct storm centers and numerous other weather disturbances began to develop.

The weather bureau reported that several fast-moving low pressure systems had pulled early today to produce a "continuous cloud cover which covers all of the country except the Southwest."

The forecast was for falling temperatures in the Midwest as the three cold fronts swept eastward. Temperatures on the Atlantic seaboard were expected to rise, then drop tomorrow as the cold air advanced into that area.

Light rain and drizzle fell from Dixie westward to Texas and Northwest through the Mississippi Valley into the southern Great Lakes early today.

Howard Fast Gets Soviet Peace Award

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviets saluted American left wing novelist Howard Fast today, awarding him a \$25,000 Stalin Peace Prize. Fast himself presented the same prize to another American winner, Nobel laureate Paul Robeson in ceremonies in New York's Harlem district three months ago.

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, announced the prize today, the 74th anniversary of Joseph Stalin's birth.

The prize, Communist equivalent of the Nobel award, was established in 1949 as part of the celebration for the Soviet premier's 70th anniversary.

Pravda hailed the author as a "conscious fighter for peace and against war, who in an atmosphere of persecution remains true to his ideals of defending the rights of man, who represents the true progressive America which is nothing in common with the America of the reactionaries."

Navy transport Gen. R. L. Howze, They are: Cpl. Coy L. Bray, Mount Pleasant; Pte. Leonard Garrett, Springfield.

Pte. Harold D. Hackney, Mammoth Springs; Cpl. Harry Hall Jr., Weiner; Cpl. Willard T. Hooper, Ink; Sgt. William E. Isom, Harrisburg.

Pte. Arthur G. James, Clinton; Pte. Sherman M. Meybee, Alameda; Cpl. Andrew V. Pace, Keiser; Sgt. Rufus J. Stephens, Newport.

10 Arkansans to Arrive Home

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ten Arkansas Marines were listed among the 1,364 veterans of the 1st Marine Division in Korea who will arrive here tomorrow aboard the

USS Arkansas (BB-33). They are: Cpl. Coy L. Bray, Mount Pleasant; Pte. Leonard Garrett, Springfield; Pte. Harold D. Hackney, Mammoth Springs; Cpl. Harry Hall Jr., Weiner; Cpl. Willard T. Hooper, Ink; Sgt. William E. Isom, Harrisburg; Pte. Arthur G. James, Clinton; Pte. Sherman M. Meybee, Alameda; Cpl. Andrew V. Pace, Keiser; Sgt. Rufus J. Stephens, Newport.

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real estate in Fayetteville was sent back to Washington Chancery Court for trial.

A. J. Skelton filed suit to establish title to the real estate against the conflicting claim of S. W. Ferguson and others.

The Chancery Court dismissed a suit without trial.

A judgment for \$102 in favor of Local Trademarks, Inc., against C. C. Burns was upheld by the Supreme Court.

Local Trademarks originally sued Burns in El Dorado Municipal court. When it was denied judgment there, it appealed to Union Circuit court.

The Circuit Court found in favor of Local Trademarks, but Burns contended the appeal from Municipal Court was not improper.

The Supreme Court dismissed his appeal because it said there was no showing that Burns made a proper objection in the Circuit Court.

The Supreme Court refused to set aside a deed to J. D. Smith of a farm formerly owned by Ed McClain, elderly Bradley County Negro farmer, who died on Feb. 23, 1952.

On March 17, 1952, Smith, a real estate dealer, filed a deed to the property, transferring it from McClain to himself, and dated Feb. 7, 1952.

G. G. Temple, administrator of McClain's estate, sought to have the deed set aside on the ground that it was a forgery.

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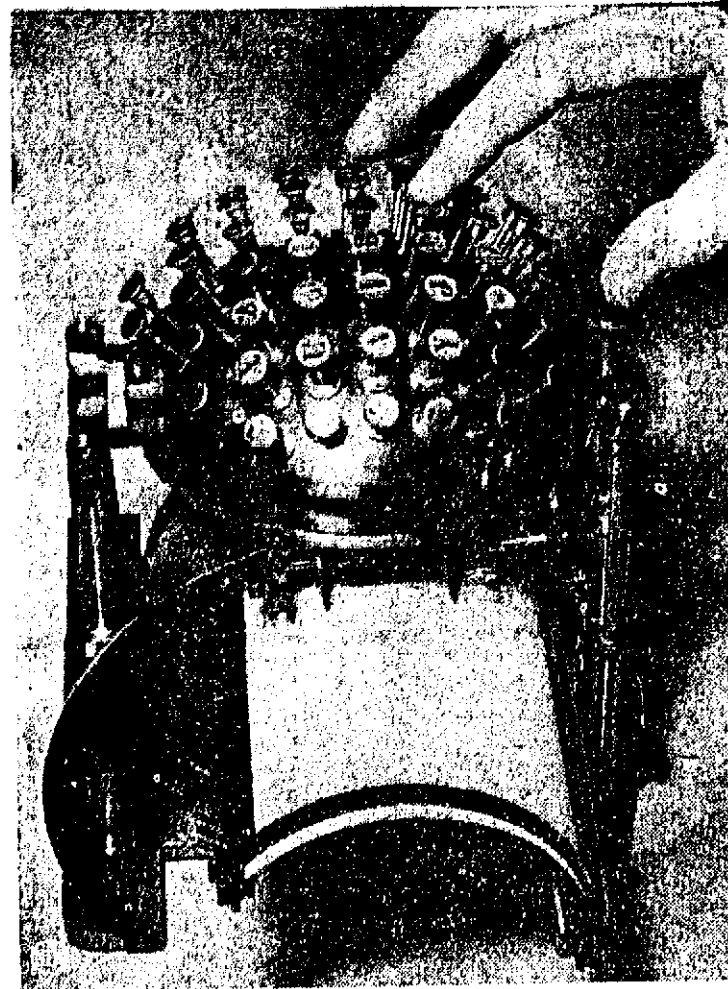
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PINCUSHION TYPEWRITER—It might not be exactly what the teacher ordered for use by a student of touch-typing, but this typewriter, made in 1870, still does a proper job of writing. Now on display in Copenhagen, Denmark, it was produced by Malling Hansen, and was still in use during the World War II shortage.

Total assets and premium collections of Connecticut insurance companies rose to \$1,899,350,269 in 1952, more than double the amount of 1942.

Airline designers expect to have airliners in a few years which I can leave New York at noon and arrive in Los Angeles at noon the same day.

Talk Centers on a 'New' Eisenhower

By LYLE C. WILSON

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Along with the so-called new look in the national defense planning and the new firmness of recent administration foreign policy declarations, there is beginning to be talk here of the new Eisenhower.

The phrase has been coined or accepted by friendly critics of the President. It is intended to convey the idea of a President who finally has fused his administration's policies and principles into major objectives — and has undertaken the bare-knuckled job of leadership to reach them.

Mr. Eisenhower's series of day-long conferences with legislative leaders last week roughly outlined the shape of things to come.

The White House conferences already are being called a preliminary success. There were no better blasts of controversy after the series of meetings. There was every indication that the visitor left the White House with new regard for the head man of their party. Undoubtedly there are troubles and party disputes ahead, but it is believed Mr. Eisenhower is getting off to a good if somewhat late start.

Eli Whitney Blake who invented the rock crusher was a nephew of Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin and originator of mass production.

Startlings habitually roost in the center of large cities but fly to the countryside each day to feed.

Students Give Up College for Calender

By JULIUS GOLDEN

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Thousands of men each year take a look at artistic girls on spiky calendars and sigh:

"Now, what could be prettier?"

"A college coed," screamed three 20-year-old University of New Mexico juniors in answer. "And we're quitting school to prove it."

The three, Wally Deckert of Springfield, S. D., Larry Ross of Albuquerque, and Hank Edwards of Chapel Hill, N. C., are in dead earnest. They've put out their first calendar with photos of scantily clad coeds in place of the painted long-legged beauties.

"This isn't just a crazy Joe College stunt," said Deckert, a mechanical engineering student. "We've already got our first calendar on the market here. They're going like hot cakes."

The trio had to convince the university, the parents of 11 of the 12 coeds who were under 21, and a censorship board.

"The university was tough," Deckert said. "The coeds were a cinch. The parents took some talking, but the censorship board — oh, brother."

Ross, a biology student, dropped by to see Deckert last month.

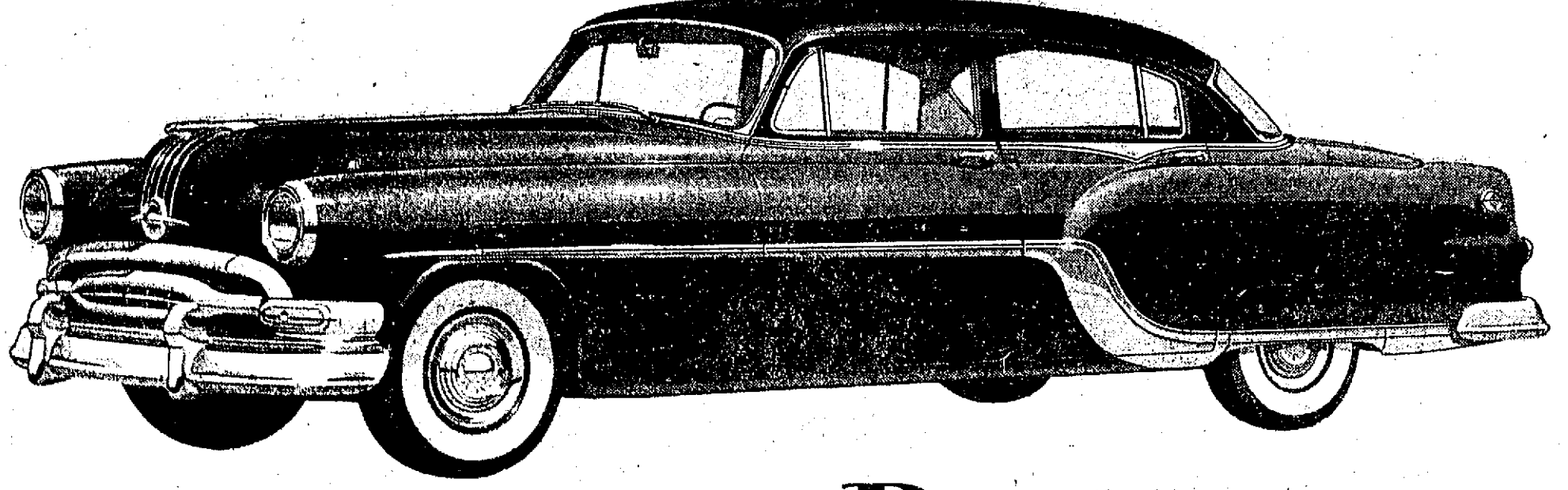
"One thing led to another," said Deckert. "The next thing we knew we decided to make a calendar using college coeds as the come on."

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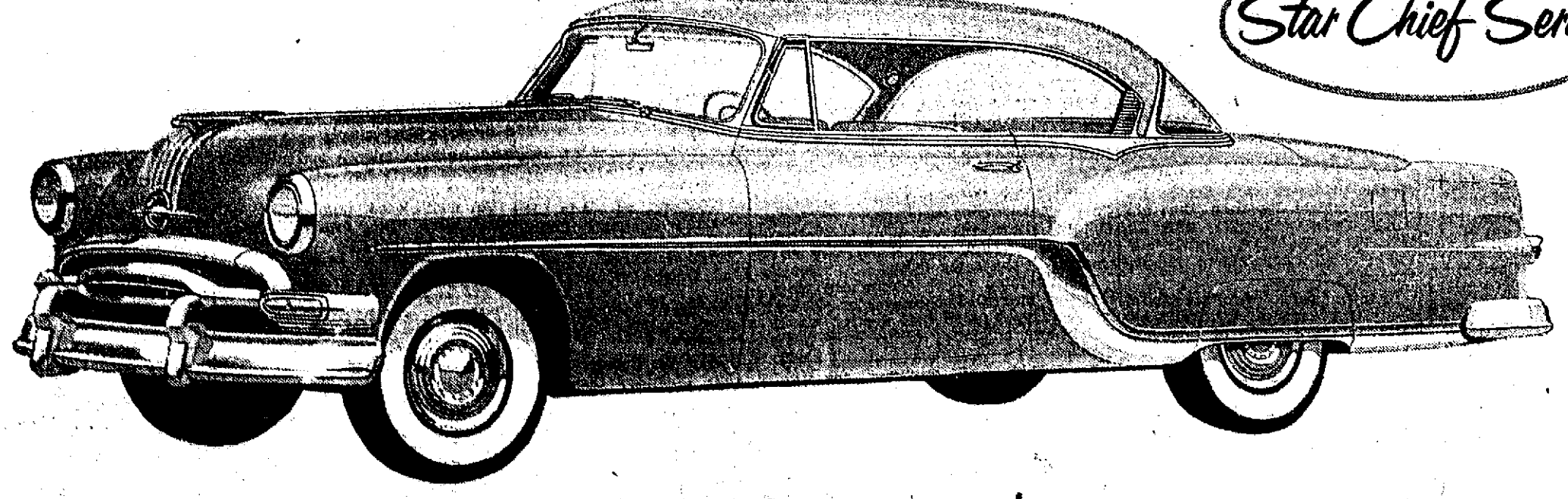
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Calendar

Monday, December 21
The Business Woman's Circle of the First Baptist Church will have their annual Christmas party on Monday night, December 21, at 7:45 p. m. in the home of Mrs. J. S. Bates, 1510 South Elm. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering will be taken.

The Senior Ladies Auxiliary and the Willing Workers Auxiliary of

the Unity Baptist Church will meet on Monday evening, December 21, at the home of Mrs. Jessie Sinclair for a Christmas program. The subject will be "The Real Meaning Of Christ's Birthday." An offering will be taken for needy families in hope.

The Fidelis Sunday School Class of the Unity Baptist Church will meet on Monday, December 21, at 7:30 p. m., in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Ridling.

Tuesday, December 22
All of the college age group are

invited to the "College Dance" to be held at the Hope Country Club on Tuesday evening, December 22, from 8 to 12. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Duffie and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith will be hosts and hostesses.

The Unity Baptist Sunday School Class will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard White at 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday, December 22.

Mrs. M. T. Windsor will entertain with a "Get Acquainted" party for the members of her dancing class and their mothers on Tuesday, December 22, at 4 p. m. at her home. The regular class will present a program of tap and acrobatics. Each person is asked to bring a gift for exchange, following the program.

The Kathleen Mallory Circle of the First Baptist Church will meet on Tuesday night, December 22, at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. Mc-

Dowell Turner, 1001 South Walnut. All members are urged to bring Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Garland Brownie Troop 3 will entertain their mothers with a Christmas party on Tuesday, December 22, at 3 p. m. in the home of Mrs. J. W. Franks, 1018 South Elm.

The Jett B. Graves Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church will have their Christmas Party, Tuesday, at 7 p. m. in the recreation rooms.

Azalea Garden Club
Has Christmas Luncheon
The Azalea Garden Club met Thursday, December 17, at 12:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Emmett Thompson for its annual Christmas Luncheon. Co-hostesses were Mesdames R. L. Broach, Syd McMath, Lyle Brown, Roy Stephenson and Roy Allison.
In front of the large picture win-

dow in the living room was placed a beautiful lighted tree, and the mantel and dining table held decorative Christmas arrangements.

The guests were seated at quarter tables where they were served a very colorful and delicious luncheon. Small silver canes with bright colored bows were used as place cards.

Following the luncheon the 19 members present enjoyed a social hour at which time they exchanged gifts.

KXAR Staff
Entertained
The KXAR staff, their families and guests, were entertained with a dinner on Saturday night at 6 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Tooley, 1215 South Main. The mantel held a sleigh with reindeer surrounded by holly and Christmas balls. Arrangements of holly and mistletoe were placed throughout the house.
Dinner was served buffet style from a table beautifully decorated with holly and red candles in green Christmas tree holders.
Following dinner, the group was invited into the living room where the gifts were displayed under a lighted Christmas tree. The staff presented Mr. and Mrs. Tooley with a set of dishes.
Dinner was served to Mrs. Robert Taliaferro, Mr. and Mrs. West Nimmer, Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ball of Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bradford, Carroll Wynn, Miss Gene Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Tooley, Bill and Nancy.

Mrs. Joe Barentine, Mrs. Nat Impson, Honored With Showers
Mrs. Bert Ross and Mrs. Barbara Impson honored Mrs. Joe Barentine with a pink and blue shower on Friday evening at their home. At the same time Mrs. Wanda Butler and Mrs. Laura Mae Impson entertained Mrs. Impson with a surprise "Going Away Par-

ty." Mrs. Impson will leave on January 7 for Germany, where she will join her husband who is stationed there.
Games were played with Mrs. Merlin Cox in charge. Prizes were won by Mrs. Pete Shields, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Barentine.
The honorees were presented Christmas corsages, and their many gifts were displayed in two large boxes which carried out the Christmas motif.
The hostesses served cake, coffee and iced drinks to those present.

Coming and Going
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Johnson of Kenai, Alaska, spent two months in the States visiting relatives and friends. They were the guests of Mrs. Johnson's sisters, Mrs. J. E. Varberg in Hope, and Mrs. Clyde Sweeney of Prescott.
Bob McPherson, a student at the University of Arkansas, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McPherson.
Lt. and Mrs. Max Murphy of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, will spend Christmas with Lt. Murphy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Murphy.
Alman Third Class Jimmy East, erling of Chamate Air Force Base, Illinois, has arrived home for the holidays.
Bob Phypin, Jerry O'Neal and Syd McMath, college students are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McPherson.
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ball of Nashville were Saturday night visitors in Hope.
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dean Thomas are spending the holidays with Mrs. Thomas's Mother, Mrs. Homer Thomas and Mrs. Thomas's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Asburn.

Hopes Message Will Eliminate Trouble

PHILADELPHIA, (AP)—A suburban couple hope a message from Canada today will help them out of any unhappily Christmas dilemma.

It began Friday when Mr. and Mrs. John D. Westhoff of Westbrook Park bought a Christmas tree. Attached to it was a note, in a childish scrawl it read:

"Dear Santa—I am a poor little orphan girl, age 12, and I would like to have for Christmas an angora hat and mitts set. Color red, if possible. Thank you, Santa. Love and kisses, Eva Hughes."

The writer gave her address as "Springfield, Kings Co., N. B. Canada."

Then, because they wanted to "help" a poor little girl have a happy Christmas, the Westhoffs organized a gift-raising campaign among the neighbors. Mrs. Westhoff bought the red angora hat and mittens.

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Dry Year for Office Parties

WASHINGTON (AP)—It may be a dry year for Christmas office parties in government buildings—the drought at ready has reached the State Department press room.

The State Department Correspondents Association called off its traditional Christmas party, usually attended by top officials when under Secretary of State Donald B. Lourie sent the newsmen word the ban on liquor would extend into the quarters they use.

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Lewis Eying New York Waterfront

By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON (AP)—United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis may be readying an open bid today to become new labor chief of the turbulent New York waterfront.

It was reliably reported that Capt. William Bradley, newly chosen president of the alleged crime-ridden International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) was due here from New York to visit Lewis.

Bradley's visit appeared obviously aimed for its effects on the balloting tomorrow in a National Labor Relations Board election between the ILA and the new union which the AFL formed only a few months ago, saying its efforts to force a cleanup had failed. Crime problems have plagued the old ILA or harboring criminals and a number of its officials have been indicted.

There seems little doubt that Lewis has been working quietly but persistently in behalf of the old ILA. Last week an official of the AFL-unioned ILA reports that Lewis had supplied a \$50,000 loan to help fight the new AFL union.

The 72-year-old Lewis declined any comment, but it is reported that his brother and top organizer in labor sectors outside the coal industry, A. D. (Denny) Lewis, has met frequently with officials of the old ILA.

The "State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations" is the official name of Rhode Island.



HOPE HE DOESN'T MOVE—Joan Fowels, a circus performer in Ascot, England, demonstrates her faith in Cato, a mighty beast with good manners. She has full confidence that Cato won't hurt her, but any circus crowd would be thrilled by such a display because they don't know how tame the elephant is.

Man Charged With Shooting Landlord

LITTLE ROCK, W.—A 53-year-old former railroad worker is charged with first degree murder in the fatal shooting of his landlord here last Saturday.

Eben D. Comer, 53, was found dead—bullets in his head and chest—sitting in a chair in the room of Roland H. King.

Prosecutor Tom Downie said Saturday he had charged King and that he probably would be committed to the State Hospital for observation today.

He said King told him Comer had been "pumping poison gas in my room" and that he had called

Top Radio Programs

NEW YORK (AP)—Listening to night: NBC—7:30 Barlow Concert; 8 Don Voorhees Concert; 9:30 Band of America; CBS—Talent Scouts; 9 Radio Theater; "Peter Pan"; 9:30 Vaughn Monroe; ABC—8:30 Lone Ranger; 9 Fair and Cooler; MBS—7 The Pal; 8:30 Reporters' Roundup; 11 Denver Exmas Tree Lighting.

Fatalities in State Now Total 16

By The Associated Press

Traffic accidents on Arkansas' mist-shrouded highways yesterday took four lives, boosting the state's violent death toll for the seven-day period ending last midnight to 12.

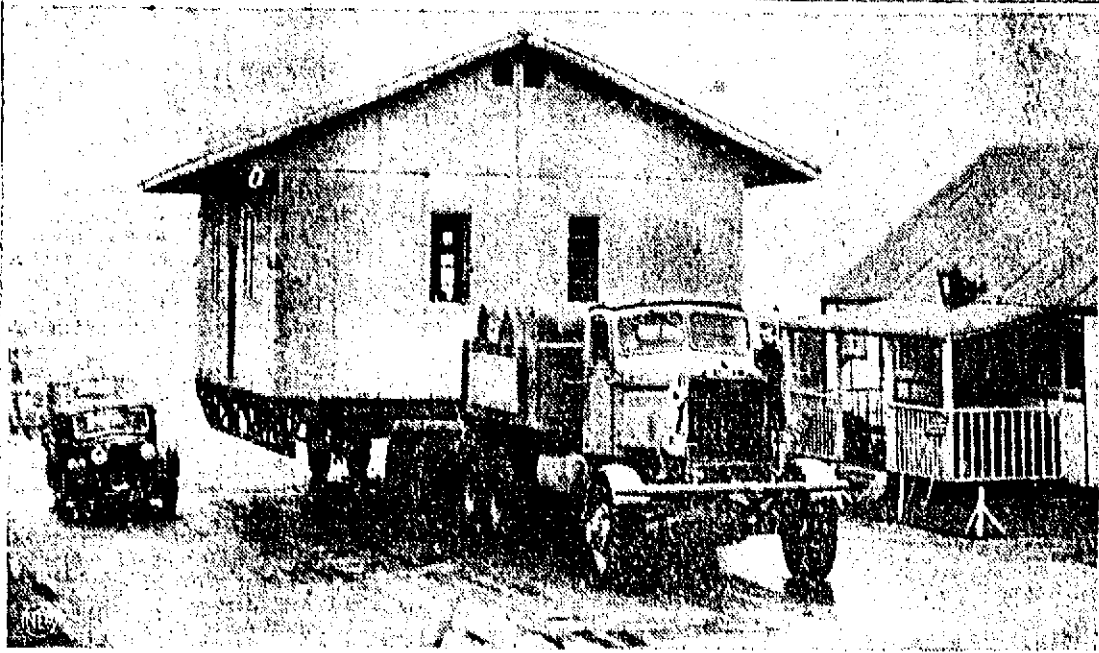
Two of the victims died as the result of a two-car collision at Benton last night. Mrs. J. L. Lane, 53, of Benton was killed instantly in the wreck. Mary Margaret Williams, 14, also of Benton, died this morning in a Little Rock hospital.

By The Associated Press

Misty rain, which limited visibility, indirectly accounted for two highway fatalities yesterday, boosting to at least 16 the number of Arkansians to die violently in the seven-day period ending last midnight.

George W. Moran, 21, was struck and killed by an automobile last night on Highway 70 at Brinkley. State Trooper Ollie Andrews said Moran apparently was returning to his own car parked across the highway from a cafe when he walked into the path of an automobile driven by Clarence J. Smith of Memphis. Smith was charged with involuntary manslaughter and released on bond.

Andrews said Moran carried a personal letter, identified only with a Nashville, Tenn., return address and signed "Mother," the officers said Moran was en route from San



EMPLOYING TURTLE TACTICS—Carrying one's home around is no longer the exclusive privilege of turtles and snails. This portable house, which has two bedrooms, living room, kitchen and bath, was designed in London, Eng., for a middle-east oil company. The house is now undergoing tests to increase its resistance to cold weather, with the view of adapting it for use in all climates.

Man Exemplifies Christmas Spirit

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—The little girl held the pretty doll close.

"Can we have those?" she asked hopefully, speaking for herself and two very young sisters.

The mother stood perplexed, clutching a \$5 bill. The doll cost \$1.38, three would come to \$5.94.

She gently pulled the girl away from the department store doll counter.

A man standing nearby moved forward and bent down. When he raised up he held a dollar bill.

"Did you lose this?" he asked.

"No," replied the mother in a soft, earnest voice.

"Well, you must have lost it, because I found it right here," the man replied, pushing the dollar bill into her hand.

The mother brushed away a tear as the clerk wrapped three dolls.

Despite their mythical nine lives, cats rarely live to be more than 15 years old.

The station, operating on Channel 7, said yesterday that telegrams and telephone calls have been received from set owners who picked up the program at Russellville, Conway, Searcy, Lake Village, Camden, Arkadelphia, Smaethover, Hot Springs and Little Rock, Memphis and Jackson, Tenn., Homer, La., and Clarksville and Greenville, Miss.

Rockefeller Awards Scholarships

LITTLE ROCK, W.—Four Arkansas colleges, including two Negro schools, have been included in the creation of scholarship endowment trust funds set up by multi-millionaire Winthrop Rockefeller.

The New York oil heir, who moved to Arkansas last summer, set up endowment trust funds of \$25,000 each at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock Junior College, AM&N College at Pine Bluff

and Dunbar Junior College, Little Rock.

AM&N and Dunbar are Negro schools.

"High scholarship, financial need, and personal integrity are to be the basis for scholarship awards," Rockefeller said.

Pine Bluff TV Goes on Air

PINE BLUFF, W.—Television KATV reports that its programs have been received in at least

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OCEAN SPRAY SAUCE 2 Cans 29¢	Curtis Marshmallows 19¢ Pkg.
Market Basket Peas 4 303 Cans 49¢	FRESH COUNTRY EGGS 49¢ No. Limit Doz.
Armours Milk 5 Cans 69¢	Godchaux Sugar 10 Lb. Sack 91¢
HUNTS LG. CAN PEACHES 4 Cans 1.00	CHASE CHOC. COV. CHERRIES 49¢ Box
Large Head Lettuce 10¢ Head	Yellow Bananas 2 Lbs. 25¢
DELICIOUS APPLES 15¢ Pound	10 lbs. Potatoes 28¢
	LARGE SIZE ORANGES 33¢ Dozen

Army Plans Crackdown on Frauds

WASHINGTON, (UP) — The army plans a nationwide crackdown next month on soldiers who have been demanding the government of millions of dollars through false dependency claims. It was disclosed today.

The crackdown was ordered at the Chairman Dewey Short (R-Mo.) of the House Armed Services Committee told defense officials he was "shocked" at the widespread fraud uncovered in a preliminary survey of the so-called "Class Q" allowances for service men's families.

The army force navy and marine corps plan to make their own "preliminary surveys" to see if their people are also getting the government.

Reliable sources reported that the navy and marine corps in particular had to be "prodded" by short into making such an investigation. Their contention, rejected by short, was that service men composed entirely of volunteers would not be likely to have a fraud problem.

Separated Twin Home for Christmas

CHICAGO (UP) — This will be the first Christmas at home for 21-month-old Rodney Brodie, the survivor of Brodie Siamese twins.

Doctors at the University of Illinois Research Hospital gave their approval yesterday to the request of Rodney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brodie, to take him home for the holidays.

The jubilant parents immediately set out by car with him for the farm home near Ferris, Ill., where the little boy can become better acquainted with his four brothers and sisters.

"We have no special plans," Mrs. Brodie said before leaving. "Our Christmas will be similar to that in most homes."

To Appear on Rialto Stage



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Arkansas Tech Leading in Cage Play

By The Associated Press
Arkansas Tech Intercollegiate Conference basketball teams take a breather over the holidays and the other eight teams can well spend the time trying to figure out how to stop defending Champion Arkansas Tech.

Coach Sam Hindstman's Wonder Boys won their first start in the conference, a decisive 94-80 verdict over Arkansas College at Batesville, Friday night.

The display of power really manifested itself Saturday night at Little Rock when Tech pushed around at will a good Memphis State team, 62-67. Memphis State had lost two-point decision to Southern Methodist, looked upon as one of three teams to fight it out for the Southwest Conference title this year.

The top rung of the AIC ladder still was being held firmly by Arkansas State Teachers as they knocked off until the first week in January.

The Teachers picked up victories two and three without a loss last week — a 92-84 decision over Ouachita at Conway Tuesday, an 82-61 racking of Ozarks Thursday at Conway.

Arkansas A&M defeated Hendrix 70-47 at Arkadelphia Tuesday, the only other league action.

Ozark's sharpshooter, Bill Edgington ran his conference scoring lead to 76 points by picking up 25 against State Teachers.

The standings:

W	L	Pct.	Pts. Op.
3	0	1.000	200217
Ark. Tech	1	0.100	94 80
Ark. A&M	1	1.000	140 172
Ouachita	1	1.000	175 182
Henderson	1	1.000	123 143
Ark. Col.	0	1.000	80 81
Ozarks	0	3.000	217 240

Hard protective skull cover before Rodney can leave their care.

You Miss Something Christmas Unless You See the Sparkle of Joy in Eyes of a Child

NEW YORK (AP)—O that is Christmas. It began with the worship of an infant, and even today you miss the sparkle of Christmas unless you see it by the candles of joy in a child's eyes.

Christmas is the one holiday of the year that adults can never take away from the kids—so they might as well quit trying. From the dawn's early light until the twilight lowers to the music of a tired, sleepy hand beating on an already broken drum, Christmas is the property of children.

We grownups try to get into the act but our real role is that of appreciative audience. There is no fun on Christmas greater than watching a kid have fun. And how could there be. For only in such a manner can we ever truly bathe in the fountain of youth, and know again the morning delights we somehow lose along the way.

Some adults feel hurt if they don't get more Christmas cards than they send out—as if Christmas were a popularity contest, and they had lost it. Others worry if Jesus in the manger, and I don't recall reading that he grew up a spoiled child.

Someone told me a story the other day of a little boy who surprised his mother. It was a big, awkwardly tied package. As the mother pulled more and more wrapping out of the box without finding anything, she began to suspect a trick.

"Why, I don't believe there's anything inside at all," she exclaimed, pretending disappointment.

"Yes, there is, too," "What is it?" asked the mother. "It's me," said her little son, jumping up and down with glee. There is a French maxim that says, "Zest is the last gift of the gods."

What is Christmas but zest—the zest of seeing a happy child, and kindling through remembrance the zest you knew yourself as a child on Christmas morning.

None of us know what the infant Jesus really looked like, but don't we all feel he smiled on his birth day.

Blonde in California Awaiting Trial

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, (UP)—Blonde Diane Wells, 31, basked in California sunshine today while awaiting trial for the Oct. 17 murder of her millionaire husband, Mrs. Wells and Negro Jazz Drummer Johnny Warren, 33, are accused of slaying Cecil Wells, 31-year-old Fairbanks businessman.

Wells has admitted being Mrs. Wells' lover before her husband was slain.

Both suspects were freed under a \$5,000 bail, and Mrs. Wells posted an additional \$5,000 bail before making the California trip about two weeks ago.

Federal Judge Harry Pratt said earlier that his Fairbanks court calendar was filled up through Feb. 8 and the Wells murder trial would have to await its turn sometime after that date.

"No attempt to set a trial date has been made by either the plaintiff or defendant," said the judge. Attorneys for the two accused cannot agree where the trial should be held.

Warren's lawyer, Everett W. Hepp, wants the trial to be at Fairbanks. But Charles J. Clabby, attorney for Mrs. Wells, maintains the trial should be held in another Alaska city. Inability of the two defendants to agree on a change of venue motion has been one cause of delay in court proceedings.

The prosecution has also had its difficulties. Former Fairbanks Police Chief E. V. Danforth resigned in the wake of a squabble with

city officials over his handling of the case.

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Proposes 5 Million Bale Cotton Reserve

WASHINGTON (AP)—A military reserve of five million bales of cotton is proposed by Rep. Brooks (D-La.) as a means of cutting down the present cotton surplus.

Because of the surplus cotton, cotton production controls are to be enforced next year.

Brooks told a reporter he plans to introduce a bill next month to set aside five million bales of cotton now owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation as a military reserve.

"I see no reason we should not have a stockpile of cotton as well as of copper, zinc and other strategic materials," he said. "When the last war started there was a great fear that we lacked sufficient cotton for our needs. We should not be caught short again."

Five million bales of cotton, he said, is about 40 per cent of a normal year's cotton consumption in the United States.

Removal of this amount from trade channels, he said, would ease the problem of cutting down production next year.

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PRESCOTT NEWS

Friday, Dec. 19, 1953

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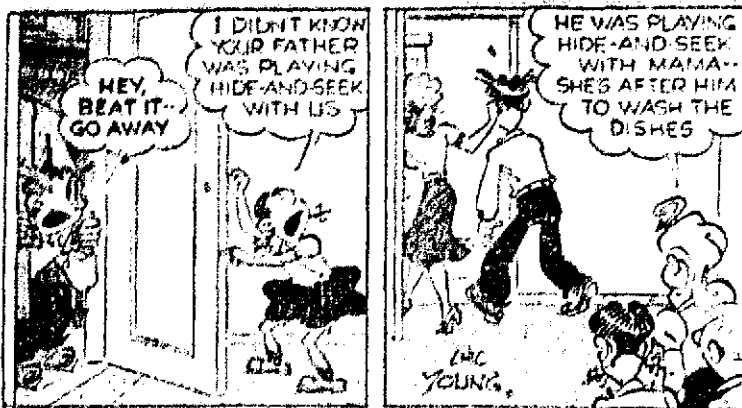
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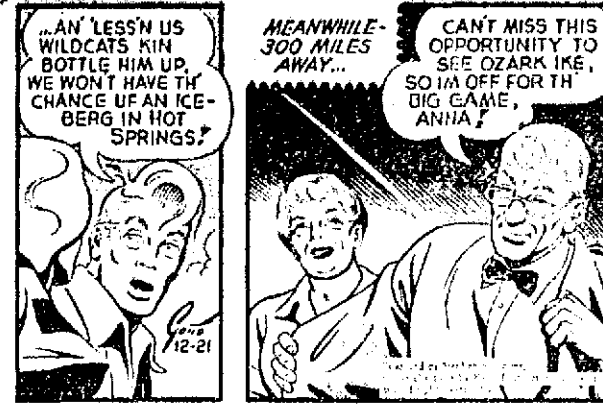
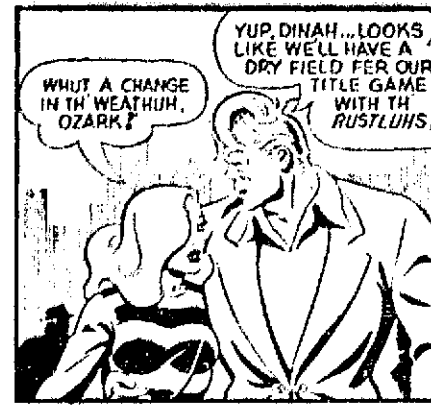
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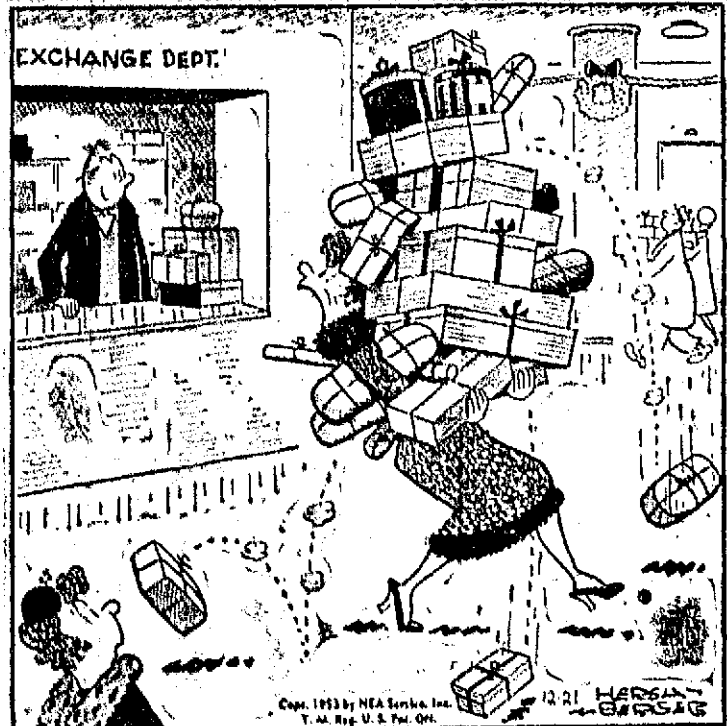
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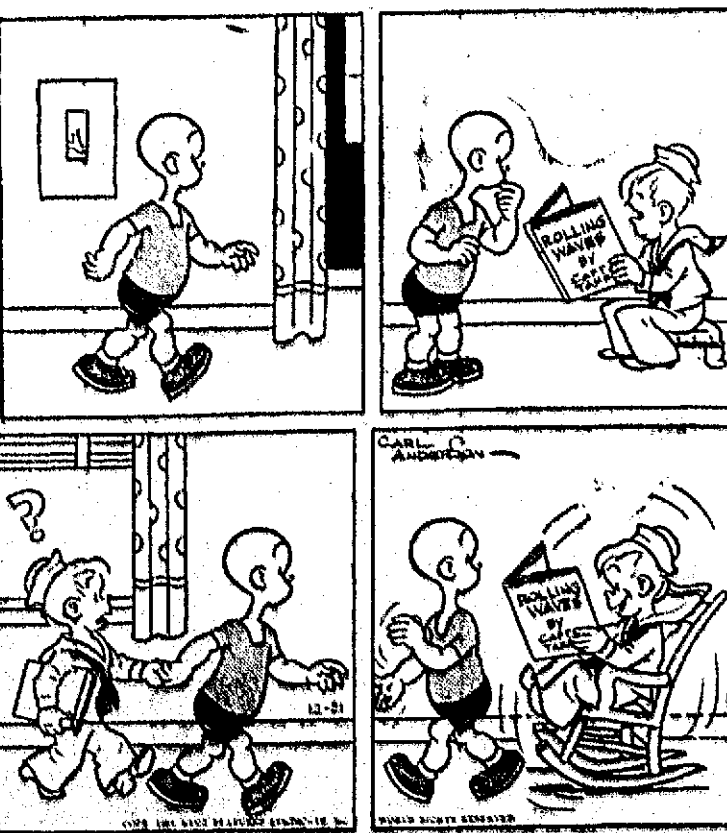
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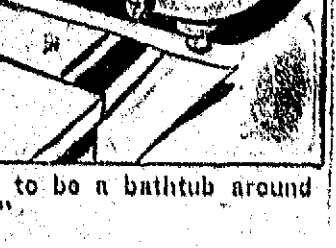
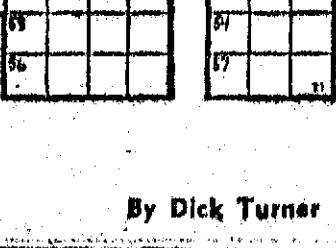
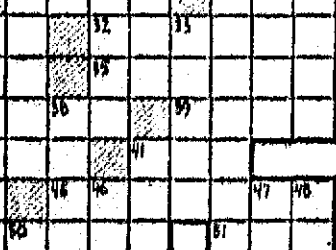
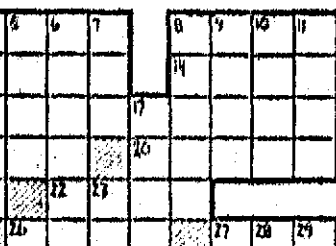
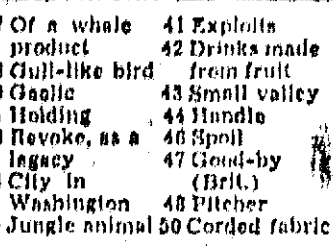
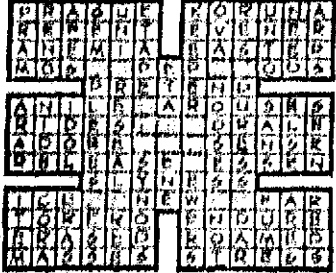
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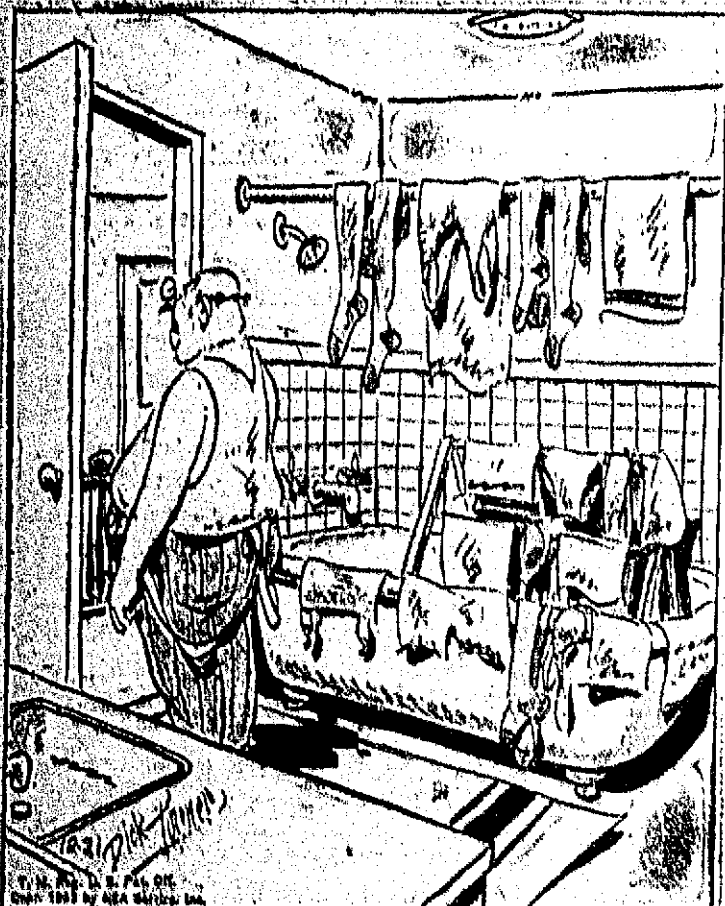
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Simian animal
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 - 21 Poor dwelling
 - 22 Glimpse
 - 23 Burden
 - 24 Halt
 - 27 Female saint (abbr.)
 - 30 Light
 - 32 Farm machine
 - 34 Mistle
 - 35 Vipers
 - 36 Advent
 - 37 Insect eggs
 - 38 Sea eagle
 - 40 Food fish
 - 41 Jewel
 - 42 Mexican boy
 - 45 Reduce to ashes
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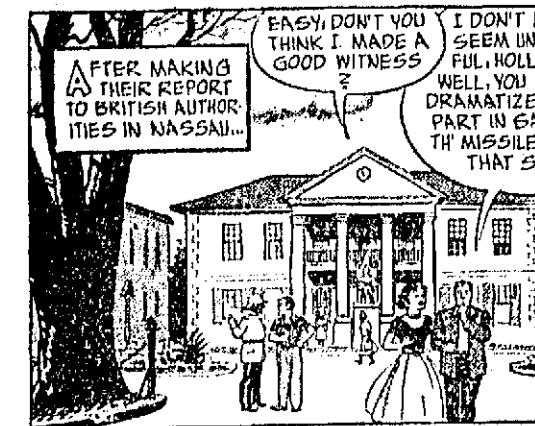
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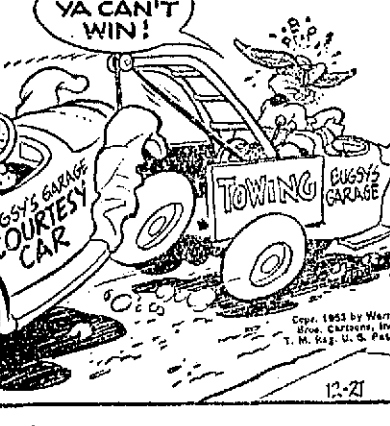
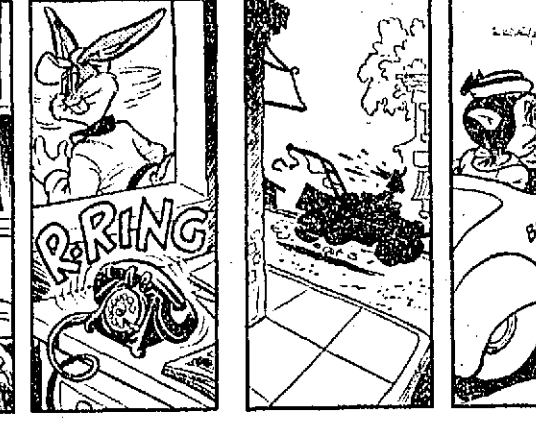
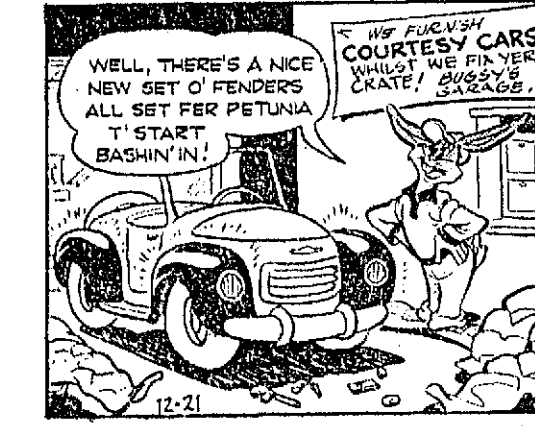


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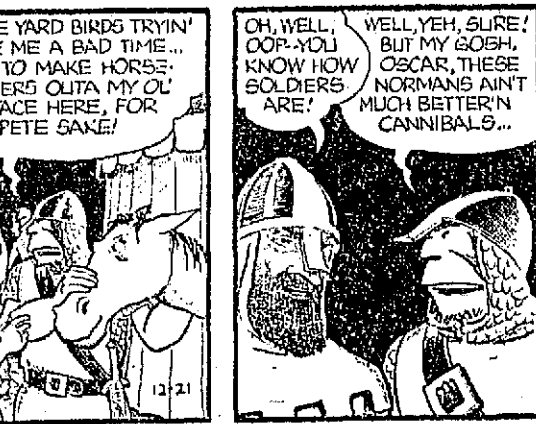
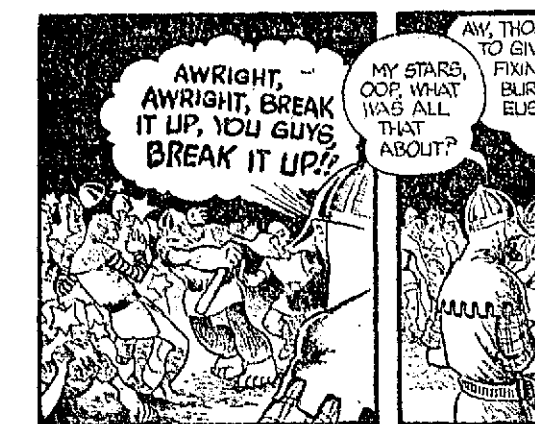


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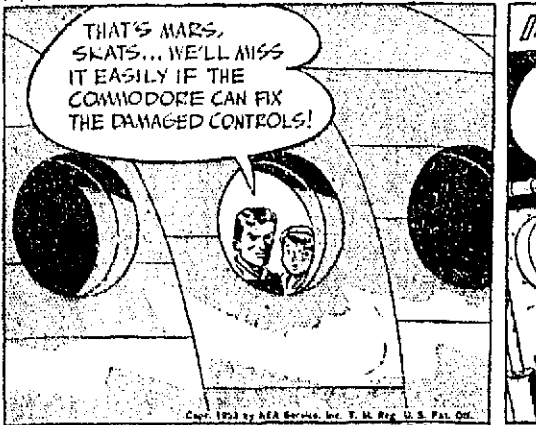
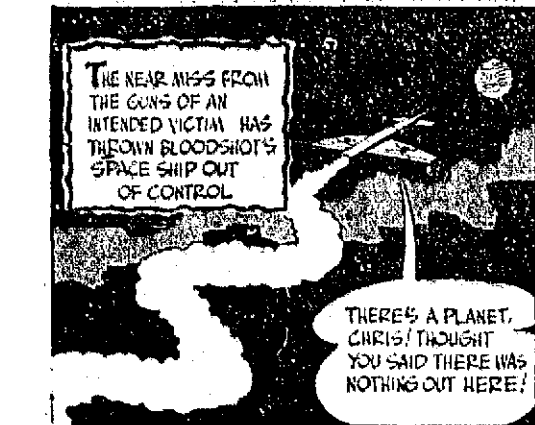
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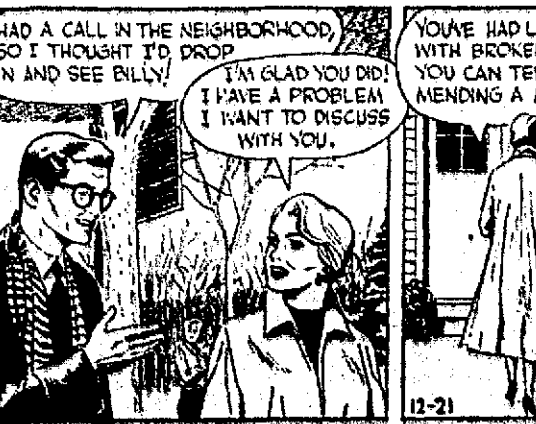
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By Wilson Scruggs



The Quest

by ELSIE MACK

CHAPTER ONE

SOON, TOO SOON, it would be spring...

From her bedroom window, Dale Fraser stared out at the bright white night. She was twenty-three; too young for the curve of her body to hold so solitary a grief, so desolate a passion.

In the full of the moon, the black line of open water far out on the frozen surface of Lake Couchiching formed an illusory horizon, and great chunks of breaking ice driven grumblingly before an onshore wind were starting to pile up on the fringing edges of the beach.

Tomorrow, the thick-ribbed ice would be honeycombed with narrow fissures; the widening water line nearer the shore. Tomorrow, spring would be one day closer.

Dale turned abruptly away from the window and began to undress. Last year the seasons had come and gone unnoticed; the reviving grass, the delicate white of the cherry orchard, the meadows lively with daisies—all had come and gone without her knowing or caring.

For Kelly was dead.

There was no way of stopping the noisy breakup of the ice, but suddenly Dale hated the unruly wind for pushing back the walls of her detachment. Had her grandfather, with his unerring prescience, foreseen this when he had urged her to send Kelly's manuscript to the publishers in New York? Wise old Grandy, so deft in subtle hints and long silences, and sudden gruff ultimatum! Undoubtedly, he had anticipated the prompt summons from Carruthers and Scott for a personal interview; he surely must have known that she needed a reprieve, if only a temporary one, in April in Swanscombe this year, without Kelly.

Three days ago the call had come. Grandfather had handed Dale the receiver, saying cheerfully for the benefit of every receiver off its hook on the party line, "New York, girl. It's about Kelly's book, most likely. What else'd they be calling us for?" And so Dale, scowling at her fiercely under the thick white brush of his eyebrows, "If they want you to go, go—You hear me?"

The word had hit Dale like a blow, for behind its vehemence, she was aware of Grandy's kind hand pushing her away from the sister of home and everything she knew and loved.

By now, everyone in the village knew that she was leaving in the morning. Almost as soon as she hung up the receiver the neighbors had started calling. New York, hey, Dale? Well, you be sure and come back, now!... Room in your bag for some of my gingersnaps, Dale?... I'm making a batch of my brandyballs. I'll bring you a boxful to tuck in your bag.

By two and three they came to say goodby. Even Armored Crossland, for years a recluse in Armored's big brick hilltop house—even Armored came, with a shy gift of neringues, and for once the customary blank look was gone from her deep-set dark eyes. Her, "Goodly, Dale," had a clarity unlike Armored's usual vagueness; it had a sound of finality.

As if I were going away for the rest of my life and never coming back, Dale thought. She stared at Armored, wide-eyed and a little frightened until, hearing Grandmother's casual explanation that of course Dale was coming back to Swanscombe, she relaxed. It was not until later that Dale recognized a similarity in Armored's goodby and Grandy's go.

Surveying the kitchen table with its array of gifts, Grandy marveled greatly. "Do they think you can't get anything to eat in New York? Coats to Newcastle, ain't it, with all them automats? See here, Dale—want I should get that old Army trunk of mine out of the attic for you?"

"That relic," scoffed Dale's grandmother. "Up there unused since the Volstead Act! The hinges are rusted to lace. Besides, no one thinks for a minute that Dale will take all this with her. Things from the heart aren't easy to talk about, and there's more in them cakes than sugar and frosting. There's love." She gave Dale an oblique look, her eyes widening almost in belligerence. Then, in a voice infinitely gentle, she said, "Do you want me to help you with your packing, dear?"

"Thank you, Grandmother, everything is ready, Grandy," she turned to him, "I'd really rather take the car than go by train."

"And get snarled up in that city traffic?" he objected. "No, take the train. I'll feel safer about you."

Grandmother made a helpless movement with her hands as if at a loss for words. Then, half defiantly, "I made you a fruitcake. Just in case, come bedtime in a strange hotel, you're peckish."

Dale's eyes, "Darling, thank you. I'll find room in my bag for that. And I—I do know all the love that is here for me. Yours, and everyone's." Emotion deepened her voice. "I do know, Grandmother."

Why, then, was she going away in the morning and leaving it all behind? Lifelong friends, with the instinctive knowledge that the solitude of grief could not be shared or intruded upon, had offered her their love, and Dale was grateful for their thoughtfulness in never saying a careless word. Kindness could be clumsy and cruel, but no one in Dale's hearing had yet said, You are young, Dale. You will come alive again. You did not die with Kelly.

Could she expect that solitude from strangers? How could she endure the impersonal measuring eyes, and face the casual appraisals a young and pretty widow almost certainly would evoke?

Dale clenched her hands at her sides between the smooth percale sheets. There was still time to change her mind. As long as she stayed right here, she was safe. But the organically flared into the room, the air smelled of open water, the wild and ardent wind blew across her face. Denying its message was as unavailing as arguing with the inevitable.

A knock came, and the door opened slowly inward.

"You asleep, Dale?" her grandmother whispered.

Dale unclenched her fists. "Come in," she said.

The hall light outlined the older woman's comfortable roundness. She had on Grandy's flannel bathrobe over a demure Mother Hubbard nightgown, and her two black braids hung tight and childlike over her shoulders. The nightly ritual of one hundred brush strokes had never in all the years been relaxed. Grandy, brushing Grandmother's hair when her arms were stiffened with what she called her wet-weather joints, often said, "She'd no more sleep without her currying than without her prayers!" But such pride was in his voice that his banter was another among all the avowals of his love.

A lifetime together, Dale thought, as her grandmother sat down on the foot of the bed. All Kelly and I had was two years. Why? Once it had burst from her unaccountably, the passionate question assailing with envy, almost with hatred, her grandparents' half century of marriage. Why against Kelly's name the fatal asterisk of death? Just tell me why, Grandmother!

(To Be Continued)

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Wrongo in the Congo, Is the Theme

HOLLYWOOD This story might be titled "Hits and Misses Below the Veldt" or "They Pulled Wrongo in the Congo."

It concerns George Michaels, a ruddy, English-sounding native of South Africa whose forehead is banded with a white hunter, and he has a merry chuckle at some of the boners pulled by Hollywood epics about Africa.

"Mind you, American films are very popular with movie-goers in Africa," he remarked. "But some of the things in those films are so off the beam that they're ludicrous."

"For instance, in 'Mogambo' Clark Gable shoots a black leopard out of a tree. There are no black leopards in Africa!"

"The picture also showed a cheetah walking quietly through Ava Gardner's tent at night. That would never happen. At the slightest ing away."

"I have been watching some of the African shows on TV too. The other night I saw a chapter of 'Ramar of the Jungle' which had a battle between a tiger and a water buffalo. Neither is found in Africa."

Another thing Michaels finds amusing in the elaborate safari in most African films.

"They usually show dozens of native bearers, a vast number of tents with mosquito netting and natives in white jackets to serve dinner," he observed. "I have been taking hunters on trips for 15 years and I never saw anything as fancy as that. Once I took out a couple of people from here in Hollywood and they were terribly disappointed because we took along only the bare essentials. They expected a big production."

"Africans are also amused by the portrayals of the colored people in African films. The tribes are often mixed up, with one kind of people shown as living in a type of village that another tribe uses. And they are generally shown all decked out in feathers and fancy attire. That is only for perennials. The rest of the time they wear only a loin cloth."

"Many pictures show the colored people as fierce and menacing. Nonsense! There are no hostile natives, except in the most remote and inaccessible areas of Africa. Even those who haven't seen white men are curious about them. They'll gather around you in interest, not pose spears at you."

"Another common scene shows the animals charging the hunters. African animals are so wary of humans that they will run away at the first sound. Only those who are maddened by disease or the weak weapons of natives would charge."

Michaels has made a lucrative business of combining hunting and movie making. He long acted as guide and operated a gun shop in Victoria. Now he has made a full-length movie, "African Fury," which Allied Artists will release early next year. You can bet that it will be authentic.

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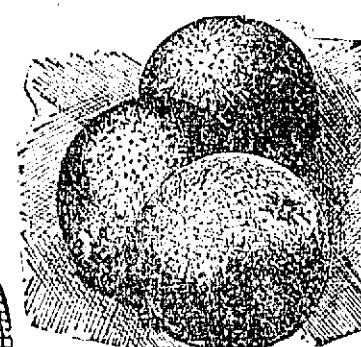
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